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Dear Examiner Young:

In confirmation of our telephone discussion this morning, accompanying this facsimile transmission is a photocopy of the postcard receipt that we received from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office upon the filing of our Preliminary Amendment on the 14th of December 2001.

Kindly request the clerical staff to confirm that the Preliminary Amendment of the 14th of December 2001 has been entered.

Additionally, it will be helpful if we expunge the unnumbered paper dated 23 December 2003, which talks about noncompliance with 37 CFR §1.111. This paper is confusing, and contrary to the amendment of 37 CFR §1.121 which took effect on the 30th of July 2003, and which stated that "an accompanying clean version is not required and should not be presented."

Thank you for your prompt attention to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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